MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

Fast unto death by Sri Masthan.

Mr. SPEAKER.—There is an adjournment motion tabled by Sri Gopala Gowda. It reads as follows:

"This House do stand adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance and of recent occurrence to wit, the serious condition of one Sri Masthan, a former worker of the Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravathi, as a result of his Fast unto death, to demand an enquiry into the case of his dismissal."

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Mr. SPEAKER.—I need not read the adjournment motion again. As Hon'ble Members are aware in order to be admissible the subject matter of the motion should involve the administrative responsibility of the Government. On this ground the subject of Fasts has been held to be inadmissible in several Legislatures and I am also of the same view. Moreover this is a case falling under the category of matters in the ordinary course of administration and the aggrieved person should seek the remedy in the usual manner like approaching Courts or Tribunals. I therefore hold the motion as not in order.

Discussion on Question No. 999 re: Invitations for Khedda Operations.

Mr. SPEAKER.—In the agenda we find the 4th item, discussion on a matter of public importance arising out of Question No. 999 by Sri M. Linganna. The concerned Minister will not be in station and therefore, this will be taken up on Monday.

Threatening letter to a member.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY (Malavalli).—Before proceeding to other business I wish to make a representation. I wish to bring to the notice of the Chair an important matter. The Chair as well as the House are aware of short notice question No. 24 which appeared on the floor of this House on 31st March 1954. It is I who had tabled that question with reference to the loss and recovery of a Government revolver bearing No. 695209. The House is also aware of a number of supplementary questions put and that the Government were not in a position to furnish answers. With a view to elicit more information and to throw more light on the subject matter, on the same day I sent notice of a short notice question under Rule 39 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Legislative Assembly and on 2nd April 1954 I sent another short notice question based on the answers furnished to short notice question No. 24 and the House was adjourned an 3rd April 1954 for the festival (Ugadi) and for the Malnad Conference. When I went to the village for the festival I received a threatening letter which had been posted from Bangalore and delivered at Mandya. I think this is a very strange instance in the history of this House, as far as my knowledge goes. After all, as a legislator, it was my duty to table a short notice question, subject of course to the provisions of the Constitution and the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of this House. For having tabled this short notice question and pursued the matter by tabling another short notice question and given notice under Rule 39, the reward that I have received is this threatening letter (showing the letter to the Chair) and with the permission of the Chair and the House I want to read this letter to the House. I seek the permission of the Chair. I